

Cheetwood Community Primary School
Year 2: Curriculum News – Autumn Term 1 2023
Class Teacher: Miss Hutchinson Teaching Assistants: Mrs Ahmed and Ms Davies

This half term in Year 2 your child will be learning the following:

English - Areas of Study: 'The Bear and the Piano'- Reading, reading comprehension, guided reading, literacy writing, grammar and punctuation, spellings and speaking and listening

Writing outcomes:

- Reading and responding
- Sequencing events
- Joining sentences using and, but and because
- Using expanded noun phrases to describe
- Writing a letter of advice
- Narrative writing

How you can support your child:

- Encourage your child to read a range of stories with different settings.
- Discuss with your child the features of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Listen to your child read a variety of texts at home including poetry, newspapers and magazines and ask them questions about what they have read.
- Encourage your child to create their own stories or tell you a story that they know.
- Encourage your child to talk about their books and complete book activities such as book reviews and character descriptions.
- Test your child on their half termly spellings and their definitions.

To help your child to improve their reading, encourage them to read at least three times a week and get their reading record signed each time.

Maths - Areas of Study –The maths curriculum covers number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

How you can support your child

- Practise mental maths skills at home regularly, particularly times tables. The children will be tested on their knowledge of times tables.
- Encourage your child to use Maths in everyday life. For example, counting out money, reading bus or television timetables, sharing out treats equally or weighing out ingredients.
- Help them to complete their Maths homework.
- Practise their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100

Science - Areas of Study: Growth and Survival

- To find out about the offspring of a variety of different animals.
- To find out about the different ways in which animals reproduce.
- To explore how humans grow as they get older.
- To find out what animals, including humans, need to survive.
- To explore the environment as a factor of survival for animals, including humans.
- To find out how to eat a healthy, balanced diet.
- To find out why exercise is important to keep our bodies healthy

How you can support your child:

- Talk about how different animals produce babies (birth or eggs)
- Talk about what happens to humans as they get older (from babies to adults)
- Research what animals including humans need to survive
- Discuss how the environment can affect an animals survival
- Research and create a healthy, balanced diet
- Find out about why exercise is important to keep people healthy

Geography – Area of Study: At the farm

- Explore what farms are and why they are important.
- Explore the features of a farm.
- Use a map and symbols to navigate around a farm.
- Explore how the seasons affect life on a farm.
- Explore the differences between life on a farm and life in a town.

How you can support your child:

- Research any of the above areas of study
- Discuss what a farm is and what animals are on farms
- Discuss what farm do to help people and communities
- Find out about the different types of farm in England
- Look at picture of farms and animals

Design Technology – Area of study: Textiles – pouches

- Sew a running stitch

- Thread a needle
- Use neat and evenly spaced stitches to join fabric
- Cut fabric neatly
- Pin fabric accurately
- Design a pouch
- Sew neat, even stitches
- Design decorations for my product
- Join items using fabric glue or stitching
- Decorate fabric using different items
- Evaluate my own designs

Useful websites

Mathematical games and challenges

<https://nrich.maths.org/9414>

BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/z7s22sg/year-2-lessons/1>

Oxford reading https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/?s=reading&fwp_post_types=activities&fwp_age_categories=age-Phonics

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

The following websites are excellent resources to practise and learn times tables

<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

We also have links on our own website and will be developing these throughout the year.

PE: Every Wednesday and Thursday

Please send your child in full PE kit on these days. They do not need to wear school uniform

As pupils are not permitted to wear any jewellery for PE it helps if earrings and other jewellery are not worn to school on the PE days.

Homework

Each week your child will be given:

- A short piece of Maths and English homework – this needs to be returned by Wednesday
- A set of spellings to be learnt for a weekly test.

Contacts

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